

THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT
OF
CHAD LOWDER

MARCH 22, 2012



DOCKET NO. 2011-479-E

**Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff Requesting a Rule to
Show Cause to Mill Creek Marina and Campground,
Incorporated and/or Richard B. and Diane W. Anderson as to
Why Mill Creek Marina and Campground, Incorporated
Should Not Be Regulated as a Public Utility**

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IN RE: PETITION OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REQUESTING A

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE TO MILL CREEK MARINA & CAMPGROUND, INC.

AND/OR RICHARD B. AND DIANE W. ANDERSON AS TO WHY MILL

CREEK MARINA & CAMPGROUND, INC. SHOULD NOT BE REGULATED AS

A PUBLIC UTILITY

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION.

A. My name is Chad Lowder. My business address is 6473 Old State Road, St. Matthews, S.C., 29135. I am employed by Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., ("Tri-County") as Manager of Marketing and Government Relations.

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE.

A. I have a B.S. degree from Clemson University and an M.B.A. from Ashford University. I have been employed at Tri-County since 2000.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the Commission, at the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), with the rates charged by Tri-County to Mill Creek. Our rate schedule is provided as Exhibit A to my testimony and does not have a \$5.00 administrative fee.

Q. HOW DID TRI-COUNTY BECOME AWARE OF THIS MATTER?

1 **A.** Tri-County was initially contacted by Mr. Brian Pearson, and we referred Mr.
2 Pearson's complaint to ORS.

3 **Q. DOES TRI-COUNTY HAVE A POSITION?**

4 **A.** Tri-County does not have a position other than we do see a benefit in having a
5 Commission ruling as to whether Mill Creek can bill for electric service at rates other
6 than those charged by the cooperative.

7 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

8 **A.** Yes, it does.



EXHIBIT A
Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



**SCHEDULE: GENERAL SERVICES (Single-Phase)-Rate 01
Rate 14**

Applicability:

Applicable for all types of usage to consumers whose demand is less than 100 kW in any billing period, subject to the established rules and regulations of the Cooperative.

Type of Service:

Single-Phase service, 60 cycles, at available secondary voltages.

Monthly Rate:

Customer Charge:	\$13.00	per meter
All kWh	\$0.11500 cents	per kWh

Minimum Monthly Charge:

Where it is necessary to extend or re-enforce existing distribution facilities, the provisions of the Cooperative's *Line Extension Policy* shall apply and a special customer charge and/or minimum may be required. No additional energy shall be included where the customer charge is increased for any reason.

Purchased Power Clause:

The above rate shall be increased or decreased by an amount per kilowatt hour as determined under the terms of the Cooperative's *Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Schedule PCA*.

Terms of Payment:

The above rates are net. Bills shall be considered past due if payment is not made within 15 days from the billing date.

EFFECTIVE: November 1, 1995

REVISED: September 16, 1999

REVISED: June 1, 2003

REVISED: July 1, 2009

REVISED: July 1, 2011

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2011-479-E

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff)	
Requesting a Rule to Show Cause to Mill)	
Creek Marina and Campground, Incorporated)	CERTIFICATE OF
and/or Richard B. and Diane W. Anderson as)	SERVICE
to Why Mill Creek Marina and Campground,)	
Incorporated Should Not Be Regulated as a)	
Public Utility)	

This is to certify that I, Faith E. Shehane, have this date served one (1) copy of the **REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT OF CHAD LOWDER** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be electronically served as addressed as shown below:

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